# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PANCHAYATI RAJ
# LOK SABHA

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TWO CHILD NORM FOR PANCHAYAT ELECTION
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce two-child norm for candidates contesting Panchayat elections in those States who have not so far adopted this principle;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has directed the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefore?

## Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has no proposal to introduce the two-child norm for candidates contesting Panchayat elections in the country.

(c) & (d): On the contrary, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj have requested State Governments that have introduced this provision in their Panchayat Laws to withdraw the same. The Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana have already deleted this provision from their respective Panchayati Raj Acts. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have subsequently modified the provision from a 'two-child' to a 'three-child' norm. The two-child norm for Panchayat polls is still in operation in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan.